GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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ITEMS SELECTED FOR EXPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government have identified fourteen maximum export items for the time being in order to boost the foreign trade; (

(b) if so, the names of such items; (

(c) the annual average export of those items in terms of value, separately, at present; (

(d) the assessment made by the Government in regard to boosting the export of these items; and (

(e) the scheme formulated to boost the export of these items on the basis of the said assessment?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (e) :As the Global Trade Environment constantly changes, items of exports which have potential are identified from time to time, based on reviews, and efforts are taken to realize the potential in various sectors. Accordingly, schemes are formulated and implemented to boost exports in these identified sectors.

Several measures to boost exports have been taken in order to provide competitive edge to Indian goods in the global market. The measures include reduction in transaction costs through decentralization, simplification of procedures and various other measures as enumerated in the Exim Policy. Steps have also been taken to promote exports through multilateral and bilateral initiatives, identification of thrust sectors and focus regions, setting up of Special Economic Zones. Besides these, the measures announced in the new Exim Policy 2001-2002 inter alia include promotion of agricultural exports, market access initiative, setting up business cum trade facilitation center, etc. Some of the recent measures taken to promote exports include reduction in the export credit rate for both pre-shipment and post-shipment, special financial package to manufacturer exporters, extension of normal repatriation period, and upward revision of duty drawback rates on a number of product groups. Export performance is constantly being monitored and suitable measures are being taken.

As per the available data from Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), Calcutta, the expor performance of major sectors for the period April-August, 2001-02 is given below :

(In US $ Million)

Major Sector	April-Aug. 2000-01	April-Aug. 2001-02
Plantation	281.55	268.01
Agri & Allied Products	1440.44	1501.01
Marine Products	509.88	468.42
Ores & Minerals	505.23	452.42
Leather & Mfrs.	799.02	835.69

Gems & Jewellery 2946.84 2686.14

Chemicals & related products 2460.08 2530.81

Engineering Goods 2314.71 2197.49

Electronic Goods 341.98 503.83

Textiles 4654.92 3920.88

Handicrafts 323.67 236.54

Carpets 272.11 203.20

Petroleum Products 355.93 769.26